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2012 Schedule/Results

Overall: 4-0 ACC: 0-0

August

Sat. 18 **ORANGE/GREEN&** Coral Gables, Fla. W, 4-1
Hurricane Invitational - Coral Gables, Fla.

Fri. 24 **WOFFORD^** Coral Gables, Fla. W, 3-0

Fri. 24 **MISSISSIPPI^** Coral Gables, Fla. W, 3-2

Sat. 25 **RUTGERS^** Coral Gables, Fla. W, 3-0

Sat. 25 **SAMFORD^** Coral Gables, Fla. W, 3-1

Redbird Classic - Normal, Ill.

Fri. 31 vs. Oregon State# Normal, Ill. 4:30 p.m.

September

Sat. 1 at Illinois State# Normal, Ill. 11 a.m.

Sat. 1 vs. Presbyterian# Normal, Ill. 5:30 p.m.

Fri. 7 **FLORIDA STATE*** Coral Gables, Fla. 7:30 p.m.

Louisville Tournament - Louisville, Ky.

Fri. 14 vs. UNLV! Louisville, Ky. 5 p.m.

Sat. 15 vs. Middle Tenn. St.! Louisville, Ky. 1 p.m.

Sat. 15 at Louisville! Louisville, Ky. 7 p.m.

Fri. 21 at Virginia* Charlottesville, Va. 7 p.m.

Sun. 23 at Virginia Tech* Blacksburg, Va. 1 p.m.

Fri. 28 **DUKE*** Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

Sun. 30 **WAKE FOREST*** Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

October

Fri. 5 **NC STATE*** Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

Sun. 7 **NORTH CAROLINA*** Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

Fri. 12 at Maryland* College Park, Md. 7 p.m.

Sun. 14 at Boston College* Chestnut Hill, Mass. Noon

Fri. 19 at Clemson* Clemson, S.C. 7 p.m.

Sun. 21 at Georgia Tech* Atlanta, Ga. 1 p.m.

Fri. 26 **VIRGINIA TECH*** Coral Gables, Fla. 6 p.m.

Sun. 28 **VIRGINIA*** Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

November

Fri. 2 at North Carolina* Chapel Hill, N.C. 7 p.m.

Sun. 4 at NC State* Raleigh, N.C. 1 p.m.

Fri. 9 at Wake Forest* Winston-Salem, N.C. 6:30 p.m.

Sat. 10 at Duke* Durham, N.C. 7 p.m.

Fri. 16 **BOSTON COLLEGE*** Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

Sun. 18 **MARYLAND*** Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

Fri. 23 at Florida State* Tallahassee, Fla. 1 p.m.

December

TBD NCAA Tournament TBD

All Times Eastern

BOLD CAPS indicates home matches

* - ACC Match

& - Exhibition

^ - Hurricane Invitational

- Redbird Classic

! - Louisville Tournament

Rankings according to AVCA/CBS poll at time of match

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Hurricanes Travel to Redbird Classic

Sims and Sundararaman head back to home state



Match #5

Oregon State
2-1, 0-0 Pac-12
Friday, Aug. 31
4:30 p.m. ET
Redbird Arena
Normal, Ill.

Series History

0-0

Last Meeting

N/A



Match #6

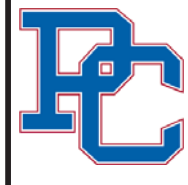
Illinois State
1-2, 0-0 Missouri Valley
Saturday, Sept. 1
11 a.m. ET
Redbird Arena
Normal, Ill.

Series History

UM leads 1-0

Last Meeting

Oct. 17, 1980
Cincinnati, Ohio
UM 2, ISU 0



Match #7

Presbyterian
1-4, 0-0 Big South
Saturday, Sept. 1
5:30 p.m. ET
Redbird Arena
Normal, Ill.

Series History

0-0

Last Meeting

N/A



Quick Hits

- Miami will travel to the state of Illinois for the **first time** in its history to participate in the Redbird Classic on the campus of Illinois State University
- Two Hurricanes - Emani Sims and Nrithya Sundararaman - **hail from Illinois**
- Miami started the season winning the Hurricane Invitational at the Knight Sports Complex last weekend, **picking up four wins**
- The four wins **lead** the ACC
- UM has won **21 straight non-conference regular season** matches heading into the tournament and its **last 10 neutral site contests**
- Junior right side Alex Johnson earned **Hurricane Invitational MVP** after racking up 48 kills on a .421 hitting percentage
- Junior Taylor Hollins **moved to the front row** to earn all-tournament status after primarily playing in the back row as a freshman and sophomore
- Sophomore Alexis Mourning also **earned** all-tournament
- The Hurricanes have only **one combined match** against the field in the Redbird Classic
- UM used the **same starting lineup** for its first four matches
- The Canes were **predicted fifth** by the ACC coaches in a preseason poll
- Johnson and Emani Sims were selected **Preseason All-ACC**
- The Hurricanes are **receiving votes** in the AVCA Coaches Poll
- Miami will next return home to take on Florida State in a match that will be **televised nationally** on ESPNU

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National Poll				
AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 (Aug. 27)				
#	School	Points	Record	Last
1	Nebraska (32)	1488	3-0	3
2	Texas (24)	1481	3-0	2
3	UCLA (1)	1344	1-1	1
4	Penn State (1)	1322	3-0	4
5	Southern California (2)	1254	3-0	5
6	Hawai'i	1218	3-0	8
7	Purdue	1108	3-0	9
8	Florida State	1079	3-0	12
9	Stanford	1068	2-1	7
10	Kentucky	836	3-0	13
11	Dayton	804	3-0	NR
12	Washington	796	3-0	14
13	Pepperdine	751	2-1	11
14	Tennessee	684	2-1	15
15	Iowa State	617	1-2	10
16	Minnesota	599	2-0	16
17	Oregon	539	3-0	20
18	Florida	523	3-0	18
19	Illinois	493	1-2	6
20	San Diego	438	2-1	19
21	Kansas State	285	3-0	22
22	Michigan	261	4-0	23
23	Northern Iowa	227	2-1	21
24	Colorado State	167	3-0	25
25	California	157	1-1	17

2012 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI NUMERICAL ROSTER					
#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/HS/College
1	Alex Johnson	RS	6-0	JR	Tallahassee, Fla./Leon
3	Taylor Hollins	OH	5-9	JR	Long Beach, Calif./Lakewood
4	Alexis Mourning	MB	6-1	SO	Arlington, Texas/Martin
5	Eryn Croft	OH	5-8	R-FR	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
6	Julia Giampaolo	DS	5-8	JR	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
7	Mariel Schofield	DS	5-6	JR	Monrovia, Md./Urbana
8	Awele Nwaeze	MB	6-1	FR	Raleigh, N.C./Millbrook
9	Kelsie Groot	OH	6-1	FR	Irvine, Calif./Northwood
10	Ryan Shaffer	L	5-7	JR	San Jose, Calif./Archbishop Mitty
11	Blair Fuentes	S/H	6-0	SO	Ridgewood, N.J./Ridgewood
14	Misty Ma'a	OH	6-1	FR	Kaneohe, Hawaii/Kamehameha
15	Caitilin Donahoe	S	6-0	FR	Pompano Beach, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
16	Emani Sims	MB	5-11	R-SO	Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South
21	Savanah Leaf	OH	6-0	SO	San Anselmo, Calif./Marin Academy/San Jose St.
23	Nrithya Sundararaman	S	5-10	SR	Naperville, Ill./Naperville

Head Coach – Nicole Lantagne Welch (Maryland, 1994), 12th Season
Asst. Coach – Kolby O'Donnell (Lees-McRae, 2006), First Season
Asst. Coach – Lee Nelson (UC Santa Barbara, 1991), First Season
Volunteer Asst. – Joe Cameron (Pittsburgh, 2009), First Season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE...

#6 Gi-amp-paul-o
 #8 A-way-le Na-waz-ee
 #10 Shaff-er
 #11 Fu-went-ez
 #14 Ma-ah Hometown: Con-o-hey
 #23 Nith-e-uh Sun-da-ra-ra-man

SCOUTING THE REDBIRD CLASSIC

OREGON STATE

Record: 2-1, 0-0 Pac 12

Head Coach: Taras Liskevych (Eighth season)

Series vs. UM: 0-0

Last Time vs. UM: N/A

First Time vs. UM: N/A

Friday will mark the first meeting between the programs

The Beavers started the season going 2-1 at the Varney Invitational, defeating Oakland and UC Irvine before falling to host Kansas State

Camile Saxton leads the team with 39 kills, while Becky Defoe has 54 digs to pace the defense

OSU placed eighth in the Pac-12 last season

ILLINOIS STATE

Record: 1-2, 0-0 Missouri Valley

Head Coach: Melissa Myers (Fifth season)

Series vs. UM: Miami leads, 1-0

Last Time vs. UM: Miami won, 2-0 (Oct. 17, 1980 at Cincinnati, Ohio)

First Time vs. UM: Same

ISU started off the season dropping two of three at the Ball State Tournament

Ashley Rosch earned all-tournament honors after notching 22 digs and 28 points in the event

Shannon McGlaughlin leads the team with 29 kills (2.64 k/s)

The Redbirds went 18-14 last season

Play this weekend will be held inside the Redbird Arena (10,200)

PRESBYTERIAN

Record: 1-4, 0-0 Big South

Head Coach: Chris Belshe (Seventh season)

Series vs. UM: 0-0

Last Time vs. UM: N/A

First Time vs. UM: N/A

The Blue Hose dropped three of four to start the season at the UNiWyo Wyoming Invite, defeating Eastern Washington

The team lost its home opener against East Tennessee State on Tuesday, 3-0

Presley Mabrey leads the team with 39 kills (3.00 k/s), while setter Ashtin Frank has 157 assists so far

PC went 13-17 last season



NICOLE LANTAGNE WELCH
 12TH SEASON
 222-114 OVERALL
 93-69 ACC
 MARYLAND '94

Nicole Lantagne Welch is in her 12th season as head coach of the University of Miami volleyball program. Under her guidance since 2001, the team has posted winning records in nine of the 11 seasons, including ending the 2010 campaign ranked No. 26 in the RPI polls and No. 28 in the Pablo rankings.

Last season Lantagne Welch guided the Hurricanes to a 26-5 overall record and a 16-4 league mark to finish second in the Atlantic Coast Conference. UM qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight year, defeating Northern Illinois to advance to the Second Round of the Ames [Iowa] Regional. At the end of the campaign, numerous players earned recognition, including Lane Carico becoming the first Hurricane to win ACC Player of the Year. The senior also earned AVCA All-America honors to cap one of the best careers in Miami history.

This past summer, Lantagne Welch traveled to Ohio to work with the A2 program as part of development for Team USA. In addition, two players associated with the program - Ciara Michel and Savannah Leaf - both competed in the Olympic Games for Team GB.

In 2010, Lantagne Welch helped guide the Canes to their second 20-win season in the last three years, and the second consecutive year in which UMiami advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Miami ended the season with a 23-9 overall mark (13-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) and finished third in the conference regular season standings. Along the way, the Hurricanes defeated NCAA Tournament participants Florida State, Middle Tennessee State, Georgia Southern, Wichita State and North Carolina. At the end of the year, Lantagne Welch saw her first-ever AVCA All-American honored in the form of Carico, collecting third team accolades following a record-breaking year. Carico became the first player in school history with 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career, as well as leading the ACC in double-doubles - and later being the only player in the league to amass at least 400 kills and 400 digs on the campaign. Carico and teammate Katie Gallagher each claimed AVCA All-East Region Team honors, while freshman libero Ryan Shaffer set a new school record for digs by a freshman (539 / 4.53 per set). As for Carico, she would also earn her third consecutive All-ACC Team nod and All-East Region honor.

In 2009, Lantagne Welch helped the Hurricanes to their second NCAA Tournament appearance, competing in the Gainesville [Fla.] Regional. UM earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament after holding the 33rd toughest schedule in the nation according to the end-of-year RPI rankings. Earlier in the season, Lantagne Welch guided the Hurricanes to the Hampton Inn & Suites Northern Colorado Classic championship. She would add to her growing list of All-Atlantic Coast Conference student-

athletes, as well as All-America honorable mention performers, seeing senior libero Cassie Loessberg and sophomore outside hitter Lane Carico named to both lists. Carico and Loessberg each collected AVCA All-America Honorable Mention selections, while both were tabbed to the AVCA All-East Region Team. During the 2008 campaign, Lantagne Welch led the Hurricanes to a tie for third place in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) standings, and the team's best regular season record since 2002.

During the year, Lantagne Welch collected her 150th career victory when the Canes defeated NC State, 3-0, on November 21, 2008. It was just two seasons ago that she posted her 100th career victory in the 2006 season-opener for UM with a 3-2 win over Alabama. The 2008 season was special for UM as the team posted a record of 26-6 overall (14-6 ACC), finishing just one match shy of tying for an ACC Championship. Not to be overlooked was Lantagne Welch leading the 'Canes to three in-season tournament titles, including a tournament title at NCAA Tournament participant University of San Francisco as part of the Asics/Coca-Cola Invitational in San Francisco, Calif. For those achievements and more, Lantagne Welch was tabbed ACC Coach of the Year, as well as American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) East Region Coach of the Year. It was her first ACC coaching honor, while being the second AVCA Regional honor, collecting the award in 2002 during Miami's historic run to the Round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

Under her guidance, Lantagne Welch would later see freshman Lane Carico named ACC Freshman of the Year, as well as AVCA East Region Freshman of the Year. Carico would go on to be named to the All-ACC Second Team, as well as teammates Angelica Ellis and Genny Mayhew. Carico would represent the first-ever ACC Freshman of the Year coached by Lantagne Welch, while Ellis and Mayhew would become the seventh and eighth players in school history to be named to the All-ACC Volleyball Team. Overall, her career at UM is highlighted in part by four seasons with at least 20 wins (2003-04, '08, '10) and a trip to the "Sweet 16" in the Hurricanes' first-ever appearance at the NCAA Tournament in 2002. In her 10 years at the helm in Coral Gables, Lantagne Welch has averaged 19.2 wins per seasons with a career record of 192-109.

PIONEERING THE FIRST SEASON

On Feb. 28, 2000, then University of Miami Athletic Director Paul Dee proclaimed the return of women's volleyball as the Hurricanes newest fully funded varsity sport at UM. On Sept. 12, 2000, Dee took the next major step in the evolution of the program by announcing the hiring of Lantagne Welch as head coach of the Hurricanes.

A WINNING HISTORY

A native of Encinitas, Calif., Lantagne Welch grew up in a family where volleyball had been a major part of their livelihood. Her parents, Joe and JoAnn, owned and operated a highly regarded volleyball scouting service that evaluated high school players, covering the regions of California, Nevada and Arizona. Lantagne Welch's sister, Jenelle Duvall, was an All-American at the University of Pittsburgh and served as an assistant coach at Northern Arizona and Northern Illinois. She also served as head coach at Metro State College of Denver.

Lantagne Welch played at the University of Maryland from 1990-1993. In her role as a four-year starting setter, she guided the Terrapins to their first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference Championship (ACC) title and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament in 1990. As a top collegiate setter, Lantagne Welch garnered First Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors in 1992 and '93, and earned Second Team All-ACC accolades in 1991. She would also be named AVCA National Player of the Week (Oct. 12, 1993) following an upset victory over Florida State.

Serving as a team captain through her final two seasons, Lantagne Welch finished her outstanding collegiate career as Maryland's all-time assists, digs and matches played leader. Throughout her career in College Park, Lantagne Welch accumulated various academic honors including ACC Honor Roll and district academic All-America as a senior. She graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Marketing. For her accomplishments as a student-athlete, Lantagne Welch was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference 50th Anniversary Volleyball Team along with five other Terrapins from teams of the 1990s.

Lantagne Welch began her coaching career in 1994 as an assistant coach on the Maryland staff before becoming a graduate assistant coach at Ohio University in 1995. At Ohio, she developed training sessions for setters and assisted in the scouting of opponents and in the development of game plans. Lantagne Welch arrived at Miami after serving as an assistant coach at Texas A&M. During her three seasons there, the Aggies finished ranked in the top 20 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament each season (1997-99). In 1999, Texas A&M advanced to the elite eight of the NCAA Tournament, compiling a 28-6 record and a No. 9 final ranking. Under Lantagne Welch's training, Aggie setter Jenna Moscovic was named the 1999 Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year and named to the All-American Freshman Team by Volleyball Magazine. As a sophomore, Moscovic was selected to the 2000 All-Big 12 Team and All-District 5 Team. Lantagne Welch also played a major role in bringing the Aggies back-to-back Top 10 recruiting classes. The 1999 class was ranked in the Top 10 by Student Sports Magazine and the 1998 class was ranked sixth by Volleyball Magazine.

In 2002, she married Wesley Paul Welch of Denver City, Texas, in her hometown of Encinitas, Calif. On Dec. 7, 2004, the couple celebrated the birth of their daughter, Riley Jaye and on April 8, 2007, son Ayden Fletcher was born. Lantagne Welch and her family reside in Miami.

LANTAGNE WELCH'S RECORD

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Overall</u>
2001	Miami	17-7	17-7
2002	Miami	27-6	44-13
2003	Miami	22-9	66-22
2004	Miami	17-9	83-31
2005	Miami	16-14	99-45
2006	Miami	12-19	111-64
2007	Miami	14-17	125-81
2008	Miami	26-6	151-87
2009	Miami	18-13	169-100
2010	Miami	23-9	192-109
2011	Miami	26-5	218-114

ACC STANDINGS

School	ACC	Overall
Miami	0-0	4-0
Clemson	0-0	3-0
Duke	0-0	3-0
Florida State	0-0	3-0
Georgia Tech	0-0	3-0
Maryland	0-0	3-0
NC State	0-0	3-0
Boston College	0-0	2-1
North Carolina	0-0	2-1
Virginia	0-0	1-2
Virginia Tech	0-0	1-2
Wake Forest	0-0	0-1



Updated Career Records

Kills

- Lane Carico (2008-11).....1,749
- Karla Johnson (2002-05).....1,884
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....1,411
- Francheska Savage (2002-06).....1,325
- Genny Mayhew (2006-09).....1,018
- Elizabeth Tyson (2001-04).....1,002
- Ciara Michel (2003-07).....962
- Marcela Gamarra (2001-02).....845
- Ali Becker (2008-11).....839
- Christine Williamson (2007-11).....808

Assists

- Katie Gallagher (2007-11).....5,173
- Jill Robinson (2003-06).....4,937
- Mallory Jones (2001-04).....2,025
- Nrithya Sundararaman (2009-present)1,315**
- Margie Young (2002-03).....634
- Jamie Gross (2001-04).....554
- Bridget Bomhack (2005-08).....260
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....254
- Cassie Loessberg (2006-09).....217
- Alex Johnson (2010 - present).....203

Digs

- Cassie Loessberg (2006-09).....2,008
- Lane Carico (2008-11).....1,715
- Jamie Gross (2001-04).....1,621
- Katie Gallagher (2007-11).....1,221
- Ryan Shaffer (2010-present).....1,086**
- Jill Robinson (2003-06).....1,001
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....968
- Ann Gallo (2003-06).....927
- Elizabeth Tyson (2001-04).....808
- Genny Mayhew (2006-09).....727

Total Blocks

- Ciara Michel (2003-07).....573
- Karla Johnson (2002-05).....358
- Francheska Savage (2002-06).....348
- Ali Becker (2008-11).....315
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....299
- Jill Robinson (2003-06).....270
- Angelica Ellis (2005-08).....264
- Robin Lewullis (2002-03).....254
- Ashley Woods (2004-08).....238
- Lici McGee (2006-10).....234

Miami Record vs. Conferences

Atlantic Coast.....	0-0
BIG EAST.....	1-0
BIG SOUTH.....	0-0
Missouri Valley.....	0-0
Mountain West.....	0-0
PAC 12.....	0-0
Southeastern.....	1-0
Southern.....	2-0
Sun Belt.....	0-0

MIAMI BY THE NUMBERS

At home.....	4-0
Away.....	0-0
Neutral.....	0-0
In night matches.....	2-0
In day matches.....	2-0
At a tournament.....	4-0
August.....	4-0
September.....	0-0
October.....	0-0
November.....	0-0
In the ACC.....	0-0
ACC home record.....	0-0
ACC road record.....	0-0
ACC night record.....	0-0
ACC day record.....	0-0
Against ranked opponents.....	0-0
Top 5 opponents.....	0-0
Top 10 opponents.....	0-0
Against unranked opponents.....	4-0
Leading in kills.....	4-0
Trailing in kills.....	0-0
Tied in kills.....	0-0
Leading in blocks.....	4-0
Trailing in blocks.....	0-0
Tied in blocks.....	0-0
Leading in digs.....	4-0
Trailing in digs.....	0-0
Tied in digs.....	0-0
Leading in attack percentage.....	4-0
Trailing in attack percentage.....	0-0
Leading in service aces.....	3-0
Trailing in service aces.....	1-0
Tied in service aces.....	0-0
Hitting .400 or better.....	1-0
Hitting .350 to .399.....	1-0
Hitting .300 to .349.....	1-0
Hitting .250 to .299.....	0-0
Hitting .200 to .249.....	1-0
Hitting below .200.....	0-0
Opponents hit below .100.....	1-0
Opponents hit .101 to .150.....	2-0
Opponents hit .151 to .200.....	1-0
Opponents hit .201 to .250.....	0-0
Opponents hit .251 to .299.....	0-0
Opponents hit .300 or better.....	0-0
In three games.....	2-0
In four games.....	1-0
In five games.....	1-0
When winning game one.....	2-0
When winning game two.....	3-0
When winning game three.....	4-0
When winning game four.....	2-0
When winning game five.....	1-0
When losing game one.....	2-0
When losing game two.....	1-0
When losing game three.....	0-0
When losing game four.....	0-0
When losing game five.....	0-0

MIAMI SEASON PREVIEW

The Hurricanes, who are receiving votes in the Preseason AVCA Division I Coaches Poll, return 10 letterwinners, including three starters and the libero, from a team that went 26-5 with a 16-4 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference a season ago. Miami qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight season, defeating Northern Illinois to advance to the Second Round of the Ames Regional.

“Although many outsiders see that we have lost several starters from our team a year ago, we know that our current team is strong, has depth, and we have very capable players ready to step in and have a strong season. Every position is a battle right now and this team has a lot of depth, which will really help us.”

The Canes were predicted to finish fifth in the ACC in a preseason vote of the league’s head coaches.

The 2012 schedule is expected to be challenging once again with nine matches against teams that made last season’s NCAA Tournament and 20 contests within the ACC. After hosting the Hurricane Invitational, UM will take part in two other weekend tournaments at Illinois State and Louisville.

“Tournaments are great a great chance to showcase yourself nationally in comparison to other conferences,” Lantagne Welch continued. “It becomes an important factor in earning bids into the NCAA Tournament. We need to take care of business and treat every match with the utmost importance.”

The first home conference match will take place against Florida State in a contest that will be televised nationally on ESPNU. Overall, there will be nine home league matches and nine on the road. Lantagne Welch commented on the how the competitiveness of the ACC has risen in recent years.

“Over the last few years the ACC has really taken a step up,” she remarked. “There are a lot of strong players in our conference. There are a lot of seniors on the Preseason All-ACC Team so you can tell there are a lot of returning impact players around the league. Many freshman classes were ranked, so there is a lot of great young talent around as well. Every match matters and you have to be on top of your game each match to win in the ACC.”

UM had two players earn nods on the Preseason All-ACC team, with junior Alex Johnson and sophomore Emani Sims selected. Johnson, who has started every match of her career, led all returning players with 390 kills a season ago while also recording 108 assists and 340 digs. Sims emerged in her rookie season with 105 blocks in

the middle, finishing with the ninth-best hitting percentage in the ACC (.316).

Johnson, along with senior Nrithya Sundararaman and junior Taylor Hollins, have been named team captains for the season.

“All three are new to this role but they have been embracing it and we hope they will continue to develop and grow to help lead our team on and off the court,” Lantagne Welch said.

In addition to the experienced returning talent on the roster, the program is excited to see the impact of the five newcomers on the team. The recruiting class was ranked No. 27 in the nation according to PrepVolleyball.com and features four freshmen and one transfer. The transfer, Savannah Leaf, joins UM after spending her summer competing for Great Britain at the Olympics in London.

“The newcomers are a very hard-working group and are very serious about volleyball,” Lantagne Welch pointed out. “They all came in ready to go and are pushing for spots at all positions. We are excited about seeing what they can do this season and how they develop throughout the year.”

In addition to the home FSU match, the Hurricanes were selected for six other broadcast matches by ACC rights-holders. UM was chosen more than any other program in the league.

ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Aug.

27 - Ashley Neff, Florida State (MB)

ACC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Aug.

27 - Emily Sklar, Duke (OH)

AVCA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Aug.

28 - Saitaua Iosia, UMES (OH)

CVU.COM PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Aug.

28 - Megan Bober, Creighton (S)

Match-by-Match Starting Lineups

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Setter	Right Side	Outside Hitter	Outside Hitter	Middle Blocker	Middle Blocker	Libero
Aug 24	Wofford	W	3-0	Sundararaman	Johnson	Hollins	Leaf	Mourning	Sims	Shaffer
Aug 24	Ole Miss	W	3-2	Sundararaman	Johnson	Hollins	Leaf	Mourning	Sims	Shaffer
Aug 25	Rutgers	W	3-0	Sundararaman	Johnson	Hollins	Leaf	Mourning	Sims	Shaffer
Aug 25	Samford	W	3-1	Sundararaman	Johnson	Hollins	Leaf	Mourning	Sims	Shaffer
Aug 31	Oregon State									
Sep 1	Illinois State									
Sep 1	Presbyterian									
Sep 7	Florida State									
Sep 14	UNLV									
Sep 15	Middle Tennessee St.									
Sep 15	Louisville									
Sep 23	Virginia Tech									
Sep 28	Duke									
Sep 30	Wake Forest									
Oct 5	NC State									
Oct 7	North Carolina									
Oct 12	Maryland									
Oct 14	Boston College									
Oct 19	Clemson									
Oct 21	Georgia Tech									
Oct 26	Virginia Tech									
Oct 28	Virginia									
Nov 2	North Carolina									
Nov 4	NC State									
Nov 9	Wake Forest									
Nov 10	Duke									
Nov 16	Boston College									
Nov 18	Maryland									
Nov 23	Florida State									


Boston College
EAGLES




Clemson University
TIGERS



Duke University
BLUE DEVILS



Florida State University
SEMINOLES



Georgia Tech
YELLOW JACKETS



University of Maryland
TERAPINS



University of North Carolina
TAR HEELS



North Carolina State Univ.
WOLFPACK



University of Virginia
CAVALIERS



Virginia Tech
HOKIES



Wake Forest
DEACON DEMONS





1 ALEX
JOHNSON
RS, 6-0, Jr.
Tallahassee, Fla.



3 TAYLOR
HOLLINS
OH, 5-9, Jr.
Long Beach, Fla.



4 ALEXIS
MOURNING
S, 5-9, Fr.
Great Falls, Va.



5 ERYN
CROFT
OH, 5-8, RFr.
Gainesville, Fla.



6 JULIA
GIAMPAOL
DS, 5-7, Jr.
Torrington, Conn.



7 MARIEL
SCHOFIELD
DS, 5-5, Jr.
Monrovia, Md.



8 AWELE
NWAEZE
MB, 6-1, Fr.
Raleigh, N.C.



9 KELSIE
GROOT
OH, 6-1, Fr.
Irvine, Calif.



10 RYAN
SHAFFER
DS, 5-7, Jr.
San Jose, Calif.



11 BLAIR
FUENTES
S/H, 6-0, So.
Ridgewood, N.J.



14 MISTY
MA'A
OH, 6-1, Fr.
Kaneohe, Hawaii



15 CAITLIN
DONAHOE
S, 6-0, Fr.
Pompano Beach, Fla.



16 EMANI
SIMS
MB, 5-11, RSo.
Glenview, Ill.



21 SAVANAH
LEAF
OH, 6-0, So.
San Anselmo, Calif.



23 NIRTHYA
SUNDARARAMAN
S/H, 5-10, Sr.
Naperville, Ill.



NICOLE
LANTAGE WELCH
Head Coach
11th Season



KOLBY
O'DONNELL
Asst. Coach
First Season



LEE
NELSON
Asst. Coach
First Season



JOE
CAMERON
Volunteer Asst.
First Season



#1 Alex Johnson • Right Side Hitter • 6-0 • Junior • Tallahassee, Fla. • Leon

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	5, Rutgers (8/25)	9, vs. two opponents
Attempts:	36, Ole Miss (8/24)	43, at Pepperdine (9/3/11)
Kills:	16, Ole Miss (8/24)	21, at Pepperdine (9/3/11)
Hitting:	.550, Rutgers (8/25)	.625, FAU (8/31/10)
Digs:	14, Ole Miss (8/24)	23, Virginia (9/26/10)
Aces:	5, Rutgers (8/25)	Same
Blocks:	2, vs. two opponents	6, at N.C. State

- Named Hurricane Invitational MVP after totaling 48 kills in tournament
- Double-double vs. Ole Miss
- Has started every match of her career
- Preseason All-ACC selection



#3 Taylor Hollins • Outside Hitter • 5-9 • Junior • Long Beach, Calif. • Lakewood

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	2, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	5, Boston College (11/19/10)
Attempts:	62, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Kills:	18, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Hitting:	.414, Wofford (8/24/12)	Same
Digs:	19, Samford (8/25/12)	19, vs. two opponents
Aces:	1, vs. three opponents	3, vs. two opponents
Blocks:	5, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same

- Named to Hurricane Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Leads team with three double-doubles
- Moved to outside hitter after primarily playing in the back row as an underclassman
- Has started all four matches



#4 Alexis Mourning • Middle Blocker • 6-1 • Sophomore • Arlington, Texas • Martin HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	1, Florida A&M (9/8/11)
Attempts:	31, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Kills:	13, Wofford (8/25/12)	Same
Hitting:	.722, Wofford (8/25/12)	Same
Digs:	4, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	7, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same

- Named to Hurricane Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Leads team with 20 total blocks
- Notched a career-high 13 kills in opener against Wofford
- Has started all four matches



#5 Eryn Croft • Outside Hitter • 5-8 • Redshirt Freshman • Gainesville, Fla. • Gainesville HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	N/A
Attempts:	N/A	N/A
Kills:	N/A	N/A
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	N/A	N/A
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	N/A	N/A

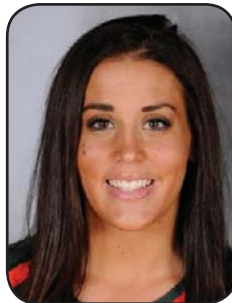
- Spent her summer in Vietnam teaching English and volleyball



#6 Julia Giampaolo • Defensive Specialist • 5-7 • Junior • Torrington, Conn. • Torrington HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	1, Wofford (8/24/12)	Same
Attempts:	N/A	1, vs. two opponents
Kills:	N/A	N/A
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	N/A	1, at Pepperdine (9/3/11)
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	N/A	N/A

- Saw action in the opener against Wofford



#7 Mariel Shofield • Defensive Specialist • 5-5 • Junior • Monrovia, Md. • Urbana HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	1, at NC State (10/3/10)
Attempts:	N/A	1, vs. four opponents
Kills:	N/A	N/A
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	3, Rutgers (8/25/12)	5, at Maryland (10/23/10)
Blocks:	N/A	N/A
Aces:	1, vs. three opponents	1, vs. eight opponents

- Has seen action in all for matches off the bench

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#8 Awele Nwaeze • Middle Blocker • 6-1 • Freshman • Raleigh, N.C. • Millbrook

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	N/A
Attempts:	3, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Kills:	N/A	N/A
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	N/A	N/A
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	N/A	N/A

- Has appeared in three matches off the bench



#9 Kelsie Groot • Outside Hitter • 6-1 • Freshman • Irvine, Calif. • Northwood

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	N/A
Attempts:	14, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Kills:	6, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Hitting:	.286, Wofford (8/24/12)	Same
Digs:	1, vs. two opponents	Same
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	1, Wofford (8/24/12)	Same

- Collected 10 kills in two matches at the Hurricane Invitational



#10 Ryan Shaffer • Defensive Specialist • 5-7 • Junior • San Jose, Calif. • Archbishop Mitty HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	2, Wofford (8/24/12)	4, at Duke (11/10/11)
Attempts:	2, vs. two opponents	3, vs. two opponents
Kills:	N/A	1, vs. four opponents
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	26, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	32, vs. two opponents
Aces:	2, Wofford (8/24/12)	6, Florida A&M (9/8/11)
Blocks:	N/A	N/A

- Has started all four matches at libero
- Leads team with 4.20 digs/set

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#11 Blair Fuentez • Setter/Hitter • 6-0 • Sophomore • Ridgewood, N.J. • Ridgewood HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	4, Samford (8/25/12)	Same
Attempts:	N/A	4, at NC State (10/7/11)
Kills:	N/A	1, vs. two opponents
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	N/A	N/A
Aces:	1, Rutgers (8/25/12)	1, vs. two opponents
Blocks:	N/A	N/A

- Has seen action in three matches



#14 Misty Ma'a • Outside Hitter • 6-1 • Freshman • Kaneohe, Hawaii • Kamehameha (Honolulu)

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	N/A
Attempts:	N/A	N/A
Kills:	N/A	N/A
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	N/A	N/A
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	N/A	N/A



#15 Caitilin Donahoe • Setter • 6-0 • Freshman • Pompano Beach, Fla. • Cardinal Gibbons

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	N/A
Attempts:	N/A	N/A
Kills:	N/A	N/A
Hitting:	N/A	N/A
Digs:	2, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	N/A	N/A

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#16 Emani Sims • Middle Blocker • 5-11 • Redshirt Sophomore • Glenview, Ill. • Glenbrook South HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	N/A	1, vs. four opponents
Attempts:	16, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	32, at Clemson (11/19/11)
Kills:	9, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	14, Florida State (11/26/11)
Hitting:	.636, Samford (8/25/12)	Same
Digs:	2, Rutgers (8/25/12)	3, North Carolina (11/4/11)
Aces:	N/A	N/A
Blocks:	5, Rutgers (8/25/12)	9, vs. two opponents

- Preseason All-ACC selection
- Has started all four matches
- Led team with 105 blocks last season



#21 Savannah Leaf • Outside Hitter • 6-0 • Sophomore • San Anselmo, Calif. • Marin Academy

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	1, vs. two opponents	3 (SJSU), vs. three opponents
Attempts:	32, Samford (8/25/12)	57 (SJSU), at Pacific (9/15/11)
Kills:	17, Samford (8/25/12)	21 (SJSU), vs. two opponents
Hitting:	.438, Samford (8/25/12)	Same
Digs:	22, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Aces:	3, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	Same
Blocks:	3, Rutgers (8/25/12)	7 (SJSU), vs. UC Riverside (9/17/11)

- Played in the Olympics for Team Great Britain over the summer
- Transferred from San Jose State
- Has started all four matches



#23 Nrithya Sundararaman • Setter/Hitter • 5-10 • Senior • Naperville, Ill. • Naperville HS

	<u>2012 Match Highs</u>	<u>Career Match Highs</u>
Assists:	45, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	63, vs. UT-Arlington (8/27/10)
Attempts:	7, Rutgers (8/25/12)	14, vs. North Dakota State (9/5/09)
Kills:	3, Rutgers (8/25/12)	8, vs. two opponents
Hitting:	N/A	.538, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/4/09)
Digs:	13, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	16, at Virginia (11/1/09)
Aces:	1, Ole Miss (8/24/12)	3, vs. UT-Arlington (8/27/10)
Blocks:	4, Samford (8/25/12)	6, at Wake Forest (10/8/09)

- Fourth all-time in assists in program history
- Has started all four matches
- Averaging 10.53 assists/set



The Automated ScoreBook
Miami (FL) Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 26, 2012)
All matches



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-0	4-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-0	4-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			Dig			Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
16	Emani Sims	15	25	1.67	1	47	.511	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.20	2	11	13	0.87	0	0	32.5
1	Alex Johnson	15	48	3.20	8	95	.421	19	1.27	11	5	0.73	0	31	2.07	0	5	5	0.33	0	1	61.5
9	Kelsie Groot	6	10	1.67	2	21	.381	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	2	0.33	0	1	1	0.17	0	0	10.5
4	Alexis Mourning	15	36	2.40	10	79	.329	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	8	0.53	1	19	20	1.33	1	0	46.5
23	Nrithya Sundararaman	15	4	0.27	0	13	.308	158	10.53	1	1	0.07	0	36	2.40	1	8	9	0.60	0	3	10.0
3	Taylor Hollins	15	61	4.07	20	146	.281	3	0.20	3	6	0.20	2	48	3.20	0	12	12	0.80	0	0	70.0
21	Savanah Leaf	15	30	2.00	10	87	.230	2	0.13	5	6	0.33	7	41	2.73	0	4	4	0.27	0	0	37.0
11	Blair Fuentes	10	0	0.00	0	0	.000	8	0.80	1	6	0.10	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
15	Caitlin Donahoe	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	2.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
8	Awele Nwaeze	3	0	0.00	0	3	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.33	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
6	Julia Giampaolo	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	1.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
7	Mariel Schofield	14	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	3	2	0.21	0	5	0.36	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
10	Ryan Shaffer	15	0	0.00	2	6	-.333	3	0.20	3	4	0.20	2	63	4.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MIAMI (FL)	15	214	14.27	53	497	.324	194	12.93	27	30	1.80	14	240	16.00	4	60	34.0	2.27	1	4	275.0
	Opponents	15	157	10.47	93	523	.122	150	10.00	14	17	0.93	27	202	13.47	5	28	19.0	1.27	16	1	190.0

Team Statistics	UM	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	214	157
Errors	53	93
Total Attacks	497	523
Attack Pct	.324	.122
Kills/Set	14.3	10.5
SET		
Assists	194	150
Attempts	490	517
Assist Pct	.396	.290
Assists/Set	12.9	10.0
SERVE		
Aces	27	14
Errors	30	17
Attempts	350	267
Serve Pct	.914	.936
Aces/Set	1.8	0.9
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	14	27
Errors/Set	0.9	1.8
Attempts	250	320
Reception Pct	.944	.916
DEFENSE		
Digs	240	202
Digs/Set	16.0	13.5
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	4	5
Block Assist	60	28
Total Blocks	34.0	19.0
Blocks/Set	2.3	1.3
Block Errors	1	16
Ball handling errors	4	1
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2798	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/700	0/0
Neutral site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	4	-
Home win streak	4	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 24	WOFFORD	w 3-0	25-18,25-13,25-16	712
Aug 24	OLE MISS	w 3-2	24-26,20-25,25-15,25-15,15-8	712
Aug 25	RUTGERS	w 3-0	25-15,25-21,25-14	687
Aug 25	SAMFORD	w 3-1	20-25,25-18,25-16,25-19	687

Record in 3-set matches: 2-0
 Record in 4-set matches: 1-0
 Record in 5-set matches: 1-0

2012 Miami (FL) Volleyball
Miami (FL) Match Results (as of Aug 30, 2012)
All matches

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Overall	Conf	Time	Att.
Aug 24	WOFFORD	W	3-0 25-18,25-13,25-16	1-0	0-0	1:28	712
Aug 24	OLE MISS	W	3-2 24-26,20-25,25-15,25-15,15-8	2-0	0-0	2:11	712
Aug 25	RUTGERS	W	3-0 25-15,25-21,25-14	3-0	0-0	2:23	687
Aug 25	SAMFORD	W	3-1 20-25,25-18,25-16,25-19	4-0	0-0	1:33	687

Team Record	W-L-T	Attend	Dates	Total	Avg.
Overall:	4-0	Total:	4	2798	700
Conference:	0-0	Home:	4	2798	700
Home:	4-0	Away:	0	0	0
Away:	0-0	Neutral:	0	0	0
Neutral:	0-0				
3 sets:	2-0				
4 sets:	1-0				
5 sets:	1-0				

2012 Miami (FL) Volleyball
Miami (FL) Team Match-by-Match (as of Aug 30, 2012)
All matches

Date	Opponent	sp	attack				set			serve				recept			dig	blocking				bhe	points	score
			k	e	ta	pct	a	ta	pct	sa	se	ta	pct	re	ta	pct		bs	ba	be	total			
Aug 24, 2012	WOFFORD	3	47	4	93	.462	41	91	.451	9	7	73	.904	2	45	.956	39	0	10	0	5.0	0	61.0	3-0
Aug 24, 2012	OLE MISS	5	65	24	189	.217	58	183	.317	5	5	109	.954	4	87	.954	93	3	16	0	11.0	2	81.0	3-2
Aug 25, 2012	RUTGERS	3	46	11	104	.337	43	104	.413	9	6	73	.918	3	50	.940	60	1	16	1	9.0	1	64.0	3-0
Aug 25, 2012	SAMFORD	4	56	14	111	.378	52	112	.464	4	12	95	.874	5	68	.926	48	0	18	0	9.0	1	69.0	3-1
Miami (FL)		15	214	53	497	.324	194	490	.396	27	30	350	.914	14	250	.944	240	4	60	1	34.0	4	275.0	
		15	157	93	523	.122	150	517	.290	14	17	267	.936	27	320	.916	202	5	28	16	19.0	1	190.0	

Sets played: 15
Kills per set: 14.27
Assists per set: 12.93

Service aces per set: 1.80
Digs per set: 16.00
Blocks per set: 2.27

Points per set: 18.33
Ball handling errors per set: 0.27
Reception errors per set: 0.93